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ABA COMMITTEE OF BOARD MEETS

THE MEETING of the Audit, Budget and Allocations committee of the State Convention Board, held prior to the annual principal business meeting of the board, was held at the Baptist Building, Sept. 5. From left, seated: Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, chairman; Dr. Chester J. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer, (ex-officio); A. L. Nelson, business manager. Standing: Claude Townsend, Florence, convention president, (ex-officio); Rev. Bill Baker, Calhoun City; Rev. P. A. Michel, Corinth, and Rev. D. C. Applegate, Starkville.

Baptist Laymen Repair Eight Alaska Churches

By Dallas M. Lee

Baptist Press Staff Writer

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (BP) —

Ninety-three Baptist men with strong calloused hands and innovative minds are racing against time here, fighting muck and mud that flooded seven Baptist churches in their efforts to repair them before the hard winter immobilizes Alaska.

Time is running out. They have only until about Oct. 1 before the long winter freeze sets in.

After the rampaging waters of the Chena River flooded Fairbanks on Aug. 14, Baptists in Alaska appealed for volunteers to help them pump

Phelps Named

Area Head OEO

ATLANTA (BP) — Ralph A. Phelps Jr., president of Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., has been named southeast regional director of the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) with offices here, effective Sept. 5.

The announcement of the Baptist administrator's appointment was made in Washington by Sargent Shriver, director of the War on Poverty programs.

In Atlanta, Phelps said he was taking a year's leave of

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the water out of homes, repair furnaces and plumbing equipment, and re-wire electrical equipment.

Few people in the community had time to give much attention to the churches. Many had lost their homes or businesses, or saw them badly damaged by the flood waters.

Adding to the tragedy, an estimated 98 per cent of the damage was not covered by insurance.

The result of the appeal was a flood of skilled craftsmen from throughout the "lower 48" states — electricians, carpenters, plumbers, furnace workers and masons.

The first impression was:

When the vanguard of the volunteer workers took their first look at the basements full of mud and water, minds thinking out loud challenged and contradicted each other. They settled on one innovation, then jumped to another. Yet the exchange obviously represented the instant comradeship among working men and fellow Christians.

When work began, however, assembly lines formed to take apart water-soaked furnace equipment, workers grabbed shovels to throw out the thick, sticky mud and reached for hammers to slam out sheet-rock walls so that studs could dry out.

The first plane loads of

men began arriving in Fairbanks on Labor Day weekend. For the first few, it truly was a weekend of labor.

Two furnace workers stayed up all night on Saturday, and before Sunday School began at 9:40 a. m., they had the furnace operating at the First Baptist Church of Fairbanks.

The rest were up before

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18 Mississippi Men Serving In Alaska

Eighteen Mississippi Baptist laymen are among the 93 from the Southern Baptist Convention who are in Alaska helping to repair the flood-damaged churches in Fairbanks.

The men were enlisted primarily through the Brotherhood Department of the State Convention Board, Rev. E. L. Howell, secretary.

The complete list follows:

Clarke Hicks, general, Aberdeen; Joe P. Field, electrician, Edwards; Bobby Staudby, electrician, general, Eupora; Jerome W. Whipple, general, Poplarville; Ernest Scruggs, painter, Sardis.

Henry E. Adams, carpenter; Paul Harrell, painter, L. R. Fortenberry, carpenter, all of Jackson.

Perry Cross, carpenter;

Will J. Cross, Sr., carpenter; Vernell Daniels, general, plumber; Fred Gray, electrician; Rev. Leonard Holloway, painter; James Jones, painter; Vernon Lenstir, carpenter; Edgar Manuel, Jr., carpenter; Charles Norman, painter; S. A. Timms, general, all of Meridian.

Only one state, Tennessee, with 38, exceeded Mississippi in the number of men enlisted.

The men will return in the near future upon completion of their assignment in Fairbanks.

A series of pictures in next week's issue will feature the work of Mississippi men in Alaska.

Wirt said that Graham is able to reach only three or four major cities a year, and that the nation can never be changed at this rate.

Harold Lindsey, associate in the evangelism division for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, said that his organization is strongly in favor of cooperation with other denominations in conducting evangelistic crusades similar to Grahams.

In another major address, West Palm Beach pastor, Jess Moody, outlined a plan he called "Win America" whereby all evangelicals, both in and out of the National Council of churches, could cooperate in evangelistic effort.

Moody suggested that evangelism chairmen of several denominations form a cabinet and elect a national chairman, someone of international stature like Billy Graham, and enlist 100,000 churches of various denominations to enter a simultaneous crusade 1972 or 1973.

Moody's plan also called for a million prayer meetings per day, ten per church, during the month of the crusade, with the national chairman appearing on network television to direct the meetings.

With a goal of winning at least one million persons to Christ during the crusade, Moody suggested that more than 100,000 lay witnessing groups could cover the nation in door to door evangelistic efforts.

Moody, in a speech to the Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference, in Miami Beach earlier this year, proposed

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1967 SBC Receipts Top \$35 Million

NASHVILLE (BP) — Contributions to Southern Baptist Convention world missions causes passed the \$35 million mark at the end of August, surpassing missions gifts for the same period last year by more than \$1.7 million.

A monthly financial report from the SBC Executive Committee here listed total Cooperative Program contributions so far this year at \$16,644,642, an increase of \$1 million or nearly 7 per cent over last year's gifts for the same period.



SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETINGS HELD

A SERIES of 12 area adult young people's Sunday School meetings was held in the state Sept. 4-7. In top photo three leaders at meeting at Calvary Church in Jackson become interested in poster. From left: Alton Yarborough, minister of education of host church; Randall Johnson, Jackson and Bryant Cummings, secretary of Sunday School Department, sponsor. In lower photo Mrs. James H. Kennedy of Jackson receives a piece of literature from J. L. Pollard, Louisiana Sunday School secretary, speaker.

FIVE BROTHERHOOD CLINICS PLANNED

A series of five area Brotherhood Leadership Training conferences will be held in the state Sept. 21 - Oct. 12, according to Rev. Elmer Howell, secretary of the Brotherhood Department, sponsor.

The leadership of the entire church is urged to attend the conference most convenient and avail themselves of this training opportunity, Mr. Howell said.

These include pastors, ministers of education, church Brotherhood directors, Baptist Men, Baptist Young Men, and all Royal Ambassador leadership including chapter counselors, Mr. Howell added.

Out-of-state program personalities to appear at one or more conferences include Grady Welch, Brotherhood Secretary, Louisiana; J. W. Fisher, Brotherhood Secretary, Missouri; C. H. Seaton, associate, Brotherhood Department, Arkansas; George Euting, Eddie Hurt, Jay Chance, Ben Connell, Norman Godfrey, and Don Morie, all of the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis.

Each conference will begin with registration at 4:30 p. m. with adjournment set for 9:00 p. m.

Supper will be served at each host church at 6:00 p. m.

Mr. Howell will be assisted in directing the conference by Paul Harrell, associate in the department, with other state

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USSR Baptists

Mark 100th Year

Russian Baptists celebrated their 100th anniversary with special services in four cities, the official representative of the European Baptist Federation to the centennial said after his return to Amsterdam.

Jacob Broertjes, pastor of a Baptist church in Amsterdam and home secretary for publicity and special action for the Netherlands Bible Society, went on behalf of the EBF as its immediate past president. The current EBF president, Michael Zhdikov of Moscow, was one of the hosts.

Jubilee services were held in the well-known Moscow Baptist Church, and also in churches in Leningrad, Kiev, and Tiflis, the three places where Baptist work originated in Russia. Today, the Baptist work is centered in the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists.

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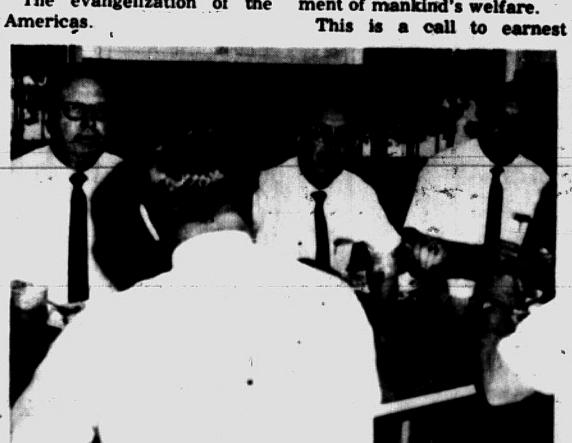
To establish true moral and spiritual bases for the betterment of mankind's welfare. This is a call to earnest

prayer as we prepare for what could be the greatest out-pouring of God's power in this generation. Revival has

never broken out spontaneously and unexpectedly among idle and lazy people. A price must be paid in terms of hu-

man preparation, labor and sacrifice before God pours out a great revival.

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STATE MEN LEAVE FOR BRAZIL CRUSADE

Seven Negro Baptist pastors, all "products of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary," left from the Jackson airport, Saturday for Brazil where they will participate in an evangelistic campaign. They were accompanied by Dr. Wm. P. Davis, secretary of the Department of National Baptists of the State Convention Board, who led in their enlistment. From left: Rev. F. McElhaney, Gulfport; Rev. J. C. Chandler, Laurel; Rev. C. O. Inge, Meridian; Dr. Davis; Dr. T. B. Brown, Rev. J. C. Matthews, Rev. Fred Black; Rev. B. D. Rushing, all of Jackson.



**First, Pascagoula
'Commemorates'
Life Of Deacon**

First Church, Pascagoula, has adopted a resolution "commemorating the life of the late Dr. Stova Bary McLlwain, his service to his church and his allegiance to his Lord Jesus Christ."

The resolution, signed by the pastor, Rev. Clark W. McMurray and C. E. Mitchell, chairman of the deacons, was unanimously adopted by the entire church membership. The resolution, in condensed form, follows:

WHEREAS, the Pastor, deacons and entire membership of the First Baptist Church of Pascagoula, hereby desire to express to the family of our deceased brother, our deep and heartfelt sympathy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stova Bary McLlwain served his church faithfully as a deacon and supported the entire program of his church by his presence and untiring efforts; used his many talents in many and varied ways; was elected a "Lifetime Deacon," due to his commitment to the work of the church and as an expression of the church's confidence in him; and his perseverance in the Lord; did serve as Chairman of the Trustees and served continuously on the Church Building Committee; and

WHEREAS, all of us will miss him greatly; and, to the members of his family, let each of us who have gone through these deep waters of grief and testing assure you of our deep and abiding sympathy and understanding and be further assured that the Pastor, the Deacons and each of us share, insofar as it is possible for us to share, your heavy hour of burden and sorrow; and

WHEREAS, it is our prayer for his family that each of you will find Divine comfort and will be lifted and sustained by the Holy Spirit; and that, under the weight of your sorrow and loss, you may gain strength, to meet each exacting demand, through the memory of a husband and father, who loved his Christ, and his family and who, in sickness and suffering, stood steadfast in the Faith.

Fund For Salem Church

A fund of \$2,000.00 has been established for the Salem Baptist Church of Covington County and the income is designated to pay expenses for young people to attend the Assemblies. The income last year was \$101.53. The First Baptist Church of Florence has a fund of \$2,500.00 on which the income last year was \$101.31. The Monticello Baptist Church has a fund of \$2,000.00 on which the income of \$134.16 was sent to the church for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. A fund of \$4,667.00 has been set up for the First Baptist Church of Magee. The income last year was \$236.81 designated to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions and Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions. The First

The Foundation Story

The Foundation and the Local Church

By Harry L. Spencer

Executive Secretary

Miss. Baptist Foundation

When I came to the Foundation in September, 1960 we had \$30,000.00 which belonged to two Mississippi Churches. The Convention had placed with the Foundation \$10,000 for the Clinton Baptist Church and \$20,000 for the First Baptist Church of Oxford to be used for building when needed. The income earned on the money invested for the Clinton Baptist Church was paid to the Convention but the income along with the \$20,000 was paid to the Oxford Church when the money was withdrawn. The accumulated income was \$1,500.00.

Since that time the Foundation has accepted and invested building fund money for the Ita Bena Baptist Church and the Bruce Baptist Church. The church at Ita Bena received \$20.00 in accumulated income and the church at Bruce received \$600.00. Through the years a growing list of churches have become participants in the Foundation's Endowment Securities Pool. The First Baptist Church of Hattiesburg received \$1,000.00 from a will which directed that the money be invested and the income given annually to the church as a part of their Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. Last year this amount was \$67.08. A fund of \$3,160.00 has been set up by members of the First Baptist Church of Jackson with the income to be sent to the Church Library for the purchase of books. This amount last year was \$140.86.

A member of the First Baptist Church of Columbus in his will left \$30,000 to the Foundation with the designation that the income be sent to the Church to be used to help people in need. The amount sent last year was \$2,101.34. A member of the First Baptist Church of Laurel sent \$5,000.00 to be invested permanently and the income sent to the church as a contribution to the current budget. The same individual sent \$5,000.00 to be permanently invested and the income sent to the Willow Grove Baptist Church near Collins in Covington County, her home church where she was reared. Each church received \$335.40 last year as a contribution to their current church budget.

Topics for discussion seminars include "The Creative Use of Music in Evangelism" and "The Use of Psalmody in Baptist Churches."

Don't look back in anger, nor forward in fear, but around in awareness.



The steering committee that led in successful campaign for First Church, Water Valley, are from left, first row: Paul Parker, Mrs. Carl Sansom, Rev. Joel E. Haire, Kermit R. Cofer. Second row: Harry Fair, Pete Brown, Stanley Perkins, Toxey Fortinberry and Vernon Johnson.

First Church, Water Valley has just completed a very successful campaign to secure pledges toward the building of a new auditorium to replace the one destroyed by fire in October, 1966. Their goal was \$75,000.00 in pledges to be paid over a three-year period. Results are 238 families pledging to support the

Prayer Asked For Crusade

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PACT is an international prayer agreement whereby prayer partners will be linked in the interest of the Crusade of the Americas. This will be programmed by W.M.U. early in 1968. Detailed plans for Pact will be introduced through W.M.U. magazines and other denominational publications. A leaflet will be available which will include a blank to be completed and sent to Women's Missionary Union headquarters in Birmingham. There prayer partners will be assigned.

In Crusade Now!

Let every pastor and every church begin to pay the price in long-range planning and preparation for a great revival in 1968. We are in the Crusade now! This must be more than just another revival effort if we are going to move this hemisphere for God. There must come genuine concern and compassion for people. Do we believe that "Christ Is The Only Hope?" Do we believe that a lost person must have a genuine personal experience of grace in Jesus Christ in order to be saved? Christ died for a lost world. He died for individuals who make up this lost world. We need to concentrate as never before on personally winning individuals

to Jesus Christ and to church membership.

Preaching is a factor in the Crusade of the Americas. Evangelistic preaching according to the Evangelism Plan Book for 1967-68, as discussed on page 6,

Deals with sin.

Seeks a verdict.

Has the Bible as the source.

Simplicity a keynote.

Personal in its appeal.

Evangelizes the whole man.

What is the Crusade of the Americas?

It is Christian concern.

It is, I believe, a mandate from God.

It is a challenge.

It is exciting.

It is hope.

It is another battle on the way to victory.

It involves every organization and activity — Sunday School, Training Union, W. M. U., Brotherhood, Music, recreation, Socials, etc. — of our churches in an All-out effort in Evangelistic effort and in a spirit of optimism and expectancy.

Will you join in earnest prayer?

Will you make yourself available for God's use as the Holy Spirit leads?

Dates for climaxing revivals: South Mississippi—March 16-30, 1969. North Mississippi—April 6-20, 1969.



Harold C. Bennett

Florida Names New Secretary

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (BP)

—The State Board of Missions of the Florida Baptist Convention has elected Harold C. Bennett of Dallas as the convention's new executive secretary-treasurer.

Bennett, who currently is director of the Missions Division for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, assumes the top Florida Baptist position effective Oct. 15.

He will succeed John Maguire, who is retiring effective Dec. 31 after 22 years as executive secretary-treasurer.

Maguire will become "emeritus" status on Oct. 31, but will work with Bennett in the position through Dec. 31.

In other actions, the Florida State Missions Board voted to recommend the largest budget in its history and honored Maguire for his service to the convention.

The budget, to be recommended to the state convention at Sarasota, Fla., in November, was set at \$3.6 million, an increase of \$300,000 over the 1967 budget.

In honoring Maguire, the board voted to supplement his retirement income, to give him life occupancy of the secretary's home, and to provide him a small office in the convention building.

Previously Bennett was secretary of the Metropolitan Missions Department for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, (1962-65), and superintendent of new work for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, (1960-62).

In other major actions, the Florida Baptist board authorized a study of the convention's present programs of work and authorized a six-member panel of Baptist leaders from outside the state to conduct the study.

The study will be headed by Albert McClellan, program planning secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

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Alexander Karen, general secretary of Russian Baptists, translated for him, and when he spoke in English, Michael Chidkov was his interpreter.

As is customary, there were several sermons at each service.

One of the highlights of the centennial, according to Broertjes, was what Karen described as "the last baptismal service of the first 100 years." Thirty persons were baptized, most of them adult women. Persons under 18 years of age are forbidden baptism.

In Leningrad, the group visited the area of the city where the converts to Christianity in the 1870's lived. This early movement, essentially Baptist in practice, called themselves the "Evangelical Christian Union." It merged into the present-day Council in 1944.

At Kiev, in the Ukraine, Broertjes said he saw the spot on the Dnieper River where a Christian baptism, under Orthodox Church auspices, took place a thousand years ago. The Ukraine is one of the three originating points for Baptist life in Russia, traced to a convert in the year 1860.

Covington Church Calls Pastor

Rev. Howard Hamrick has accepted the call as pastor of Union Church in Covington County.

Mr. Hamrick was formerly pastor of the Improve Church in Marion County. Before that time he was with the Foreign Mission Board as missionary to Indonesia. Mrs. Hamrick was the former Betty Jane Spiers of Picayune.

They have three daughters. Mr. Hamrick began his duties Sept. 3.

According to statistics compiled here by the Information Bureau of the Lutheran World Federation, some countries had marked gains, but decreases in other areas — no

Baptist Laymen Repair

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5:00 a. m. to examine other buildings, and after the services at First Baptist Church that morning, they tackled the muddy, still slightly-flooded basement of nearby Calvary Baptist Church.

Temperatures that weekend were already dropping below freezing at night. Snow had been reported in outlying areas.

The threat of the freezing weather had local men, who normally could spend time on the churches, working mandatory 12-hour shifts, seven days a week.

At nearby Fort Wainwright, the floods had wiped out all heating, electrical and communications equipment at the U. S. Army base. If the freeze hits before heating and communications equipment can be restored, hundreds of military families may be evacuated before winter.

Perhaps 50 per cent or more of the Fairbanks residents are military people, mostly from Fort Wainwright.

Most of the voluntary work crew is staying dormitory-style at the First Baptist Church. Others are staying in the homes of Baptist people.

Six U. S. airlines transported the Southern Baptist construction specialists into flood-ravaged Fairbanks, Alaska, free of charge.

The airlines' decision to make the trip expense free for the volunteers came after Home Mission Board assistant executive secretary Fred B. Moseley contacted Delta to ask about getting tools and equipment shipped free of charge.

Delta, in response, decided to fly both men and equipment free and checked Civil Aeronautics Board regulations for approval. Since then, Pan American, United, Western, Eastern, and Trans World Airlines agreed to the idea, creating a nationwide transportation network for the volunteers.

Phelps Named Area Head OEO

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absence (a sabbatical) from the Baptist school to accept the poverty position.

He said the poverty program is a "very logical extension of the Christian ethics of concern for one's fellow man. It is a practical implementation on the government level of the things that Jesus talked about in Matthew 25."

He said the War on Poverty is vitally related "to our total Christian thrust the world around," and that he felt that he would be "serving the Lord for this year in this post."

Phelps has been president of Ouachita since 1953. Since then the enrollment of the school (currently 2,035) has tripled. In 1960 he was "Arkansas Man of the Year."

In his new position, Phelps will coordinate the total program of the Office of Economic Opportunity for six states in the Southeast Region—Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and Florida.

Another well-known Baptist leader, Ross Coggins, is serving as regional administrator of Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA), one of several War on Poverty programs which will come under Phelps' direction in Atlanta.

Howell Licensed At Southaven

Eugene Howell, of Southaven, was licensed to preach by the Southaven Church on August 16. Mr. Howell's home originally was at Potts Camp and he grew up in the Temperance Hill Church. He is 32 years of age and works for Sears in Memphis. His wife is the former Miss Jean Arwood from Ripley, Tennessee. They have three sons. Mr. Howell was a deacon in the church.

campaign with totals amounting to \$128,000.00.

The highlight of the campaign was the fellowship banquet held in the cafeteria of the city high school August 10. A special children's party was held in the educational building. There were 236 in attendance for the banquet and children's party, he added.

Lutherans Total 74.4 Million

GENEVA (RNS) — The number of baptized Lutherans in the world during 1967 totaled 74.4 million.

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United Evangelical Churches in East Germany — caused a world decrease of 30,000 members.

A Time To Think, Pray, Support, Love

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By Chester E. Swor
Our BAPTIST RECORD called our attention so splendidly in a recent issue to the opening of our Baptist colleges this fall.

The excellent editorial, articles, and pictures touched me with a sense of pride in our colleges.

Dr. Swor and with a feeling of deep and growing concern for them. The concern is primarily what I want to share with Mississippi Baptists.

Outstanding Institutions

First, I am concerned with the hope that we understand and appreciate the very real excellence of our four colleges and their worth to our denomination. From years of opportunity to know the Baptist colleges throughout our convention, I am able to say with enthusiasm that Mississippi Baptists have in our colleges the best balance a state convention could hope for:

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE: magnificently led, taught, equipped, and attended is al-

ready more comprehensive in its curriculum than several Baptist schools which bear the name university. Magnificent is the word which expresses my feeling for Mississippi College!

WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE: increasingly well-known and respected around our Southern Baptist Convention, it is truly a miracle of life, growth, and excellence. Its future is thrilling to contemplate!

BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE: in my judgment, it is the very finest Christian college for girls in the entire nation. I find from Coast to Coast and even abroad that its name is synonymous with Christian culture, and enthusiasm for its current program is widespread.

CLARKE MEMORIAL COLLEGE: it is another miracle in education — surrounded by public junior colleges which make only nominal charges, Clarke continues to live and grow because of its uniqueness.

Can you imagine a better balance in institutions of a denomination in one state than that: a university-type sen-

ior college in our Mississippi College, an outstanding liberal arts college in William Carey, a nationally known and respected college for girls in Blue Mountain, and a junior college of unique quality and spirit in Clarke Memorial?

Inestimable Worth

Second, I am concerned that Mississippi Baptists realize fully the indispensable worth of these colleges to the future of our denomination. Although I have not made inquiry of the four colleges, I would surmise that a total of from 600 to 800 students in the four colleges are either committed to church-related vocations or are inclined to those vocations. When one projects that figure into the future, he has the happy feeling that our Mississippi Baptist work will have adequate leadership, intelligently trained for the ministry and for other church-related vocations; and, also, that we shall be able to contribute much to the leadership of our denomination beyond our state.

Although the truly wonderful ministry of Baptist Student Union on state campus is helping many fine young people in their aspirations toward church-related vocations, the great wealth of the future leadership of our denomination will continue to be found in our Baptist colleges, doubtless. Even a casual look at the emergencies in several other evangelical groups will reveal in stark figures the tragedy of insufficient leadership which follows closings, combinations, or inadequate support of church-related colleges.

Concern

Third, I am concerned that we understand the truly tremendous problems which our colleges face in adequate financing — which problem makes more difficult their getting and retaining outstanding faculty personnel.

Baptist college presidents all over the convention have shared with me the increasing problem of competing with the well-financed state schools for faculty members and in keeping faculty members already employed.

This lack of adequate financial backing from the supporting denomination has made imperative the increase of tuition rates, and this increase makes it more difficult for some very worthy students to attend Baptist colleges.

Indispensable Help

In the light of the foregoing factors, Mississippi Baptists may well commit ourselves to these indispensable aids to our colleges:

1. PRAY for them by name every day in individual pray-

er periods. The effectual fervent prayer of the righteous will still avail much!

2. SUPPORT THEM FINANCIALLY IN A LARGER WAY — primarily through more generous giving through the Cooperative Program. This more generous giving will automatically make possible larger allocations to our colleges.

While strengthening our Cooperative Program and making possible in this way a larger support for our colleges, many of our number could perform a much-needed and highly appreciated ministry by giving to our colleges even beyond their gifts to Cooperative Program through their churches.

3. ABSTAIN FROM DESTRUCTIVE CRITICISMS. We have committed the guidance of our colleges to boards of trustees. These men and women do give much time to their work, they undergo anxieties in trying to find answers, and some of them give financially far beyond what their incomes would normally permit — all because they are trying their best to make of our colleges the best possible. Although constructive criticism is needed and welcomed by these boards, let's be sure that any criticism we voice is constructive — that, while pointing out something

with which we disagree, we offer a wise and workable substitute.

IF, DURING THE 1967-1968 SESSION, ALL OF US WILL ABSTAIN FROM DESTRUCTIVE CRITICISMS OF OUR COLLEGES, SUBSTITUTING FERVENT PRAYER FOR THE LEADERS OF OUR COLLEGES, A FRESH BREEZE OF RECONCILIATION AND CONFIDENCE WILL RENEW OUR CAPACITY TO DO THE BEST FOR OUR COLLEGES.

Love, Too!

Let's love all of our colleges — right much as parents love all of their children. Although I am an alumnus of Mississippi College and have a devotion to it which I have for no other college, I do sincerely love William Carey, Blue Mountain, and Clarke; and I find that my love for the three other colleges doesn't diminish my deep and abiding love for Mississippi College in any way!

THOUGHT, PRAYER, SUPPORT, LOVE — these four. And, in the spirit of I Corinthians 13:13, the greatest of these is love; for, if we love our colleges intelligently and sincerely, we will think of them, pray for them, support them, and treat them with kindness in discussing them . . . as parents treat the children whom they love.



DR. RUBENS LOPEZ (left), president of the central coordinating committee of the Crusade of the Americas, presents a New Testament to the president of Guatemala, Julio Cesar Mendez Montenegro.

Crusade Leaders Have Meeting With Guatemalan President

By A. Clark Scanlon

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala — August 21 — The Crusade of the Americas (Baptist hemispheric evangelistic campaign to culminate in 1969) took on national importance when Dr. Rubens Lopes, of Brazil, president of the Crusade's central coordinating committee, and Rev. Luis Quilo, Crusade chairman for Guatemala, had an interview with the president of the Republic of Guatemala, Julio Cesar Mendez Montenegro, on August 21.

During the 15-minute interview, at the national palace, Dr. Lopes said that man's strife, rioting, and moral decay have their roots in his alienation from God. The only hope, Dr. Lopes asserted, is in Jesus Christ, who alone can bring peace, understanding, and friendship between men and nations.

Dr. Lopes presented President Mendez a New Testa-

ment with his name engraved in gold. The President expressed appreciation to the Baptist leaders for their interest in the spiritual and moral welfare of his people and offered to be of any service possible within the limitations of his high office. The three men bowed their heads as Dr. Lopes prayed for the President and for the welfare of Guatemala and of the Americas.

Later that day Dr. Lopes and Mr. Quilo had interviews with the vice-president and with the editors of several of the larger Guatemalan newspapers.

These events climaxed a three-day visit to Guatemala by the Crusade leader. On Sunday night, August 20, he preached to an overflow crowd of 500 in the First Baptist Church of Guatemala City. His arrival in Guatemala, the Sunday night rally, and the presidential visit were covered on national television.

TIPS FOR FILLING OUT MUSIC SECTION OF THE ANNUAL CHURCH LETTER

Scores of church clerks are now busy completing the annual letter. Most, unfortunately, probably will not include their music enrollment. Of the 1,877 churches reporting last year, only 769 reported a music enrollment. This means that 1,108 churches did not report a music enrollment, even though most of them should have.

Common Error

Many church clerks include the names and addresses of their music director (song leader) and pianist but fail to record the number in the music column opposite the columns for Sunday School and Training Union. This is necessary in order to record a music enrollment. These numbers are picked up by electronic equipment and tabulated.

Some Practical Examples

A music director (song leader) or pianist should be recorded, whether trained or untrained, whether paid or volunteer. The number of persons in a trio, quartet, choir, etc., should be recorded, whether trained or untrained.

If a church, for example, has only a music director (song leader) and a pianist, the church clerk writes a "2" in the General Officers column which is column number 115 of the annual letter.

If a church, for example, has a trio composed of two intermediates and a single young person, then the church clerk should write a "2" in column number 111, and a "1" in column number 112 of the annual letter. The same procedure should be followed when reporting choirs or other groups.

Reporting is Beneficial

Most churches have one or more persons which should be reported this year as music enrollment in the annual letter. Reporting helps to build an accurate record which is also a permanent record. Reporting helps the church, association, and state leaders to know the true picture and thereby affords them an opportunity to better offer assistance.

Announcing

Area Training Union Leadership Conferences

October 30 Leland First Baptist Church
October 31 Oxford North Oxford Baptist Church
November 1 West Point First Baptist Church
November 2 Hattiesburg Temple Baptist Church
November 3 Jackson Ridgecrest Baptist Church

9:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Adult and Young People's Training Union Curriculum Themes Fourth Quarter, 1967

YOUNG PEOPLE

Life and Work Curriculum	Christian Training Curriculum
The False Gods We Worship	"How to Interpret the Bible"
Worship in Non-Christian Religions	Dealing with Doubt
Improving Personal Worship of God	How to Manage My Money
Facing Campus Pressures	A Christian Response to the "New Morality" (Undated)
ADULTS	
False Gods We Worship	The Meaning of the Church Ordinances
Worship Practices Through the Ages	Christian Answers to Anxiety
Responding to God's Love	The Christian and Family Finances
How to Determine Priorities in a Church Program (Undated)	Evangelism in the Cities (Undated)

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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

Misusing The Baptist Name

An editorial in a recent issue of the California Southern Baptist asks the question, "Who Are These Baptists?". The editorial refers to an advertisement appearing in a recent issue of the *Wall Street Journal* offering millions of dollars in investment funds by "New Life Crusades Corporation, A non-profit Baptist Charitable Institution." The editorial asks the company to identify itself, since no known Baptist convention group sponsors such an organization.

The California paper does well in raising this issue, for people have a right to know who this is carrying on business under the name "Baptist." If it truly is a Baptist-related institution, no harm is done in clarifying its identity. If it has no actual relationship with Baptists then it is misusing the Baptist name.

The name Baptist is not copyrighted so quite often it is misused, sometimes fraudulently. For example, vendors recently appeared in a Jackson neighborhood selling watermelons, which they claimed were being sold for the "Baptist Orphanage." When we learned of this we found ourselves asking "What Baptist orphanage?" since we knew that the Baptist Children's Village in Jackson, operated by the Mississippi Baptist Convention, does not authorize anyone to sell anything in its name. We remembered an experience in Gulfport some years ago, when magazine salesmen were

going from door to door claiming that profits from their sales were for the Baptist orphanage in Jackson. A call to the orphanage, and then to the police, stopped this in short order.

Today, in Mississippi, and in some other states, business people are being solicited to buy advertising in a publication which uses the Southern Baptist name, but which actually has no relationship with Southern Baptists or Mississippi Baptists. Yet the name is used, and the inference is given that this is some type of convention or denominational publication. The truth is that the Southern Baptist name is being used without authority or approval.

Southern Baptists and Mississippi Baptists, along with other Baptists everywhere, are very proud of the name "Baptist." It has a glorious history, from the days of the Bible itself. Baptists endeavor to keep the name honorable, and connected with things of truth and righteousness. They are deeply disturbed and grieved when people use it in any other way.

We suggest that when someone approaches you with any enterprise bearing the name Baptist, that you demand identification, and make sure that it has some official connection with churches, institutions, or the denomination bearing that name, or that it has full approval from them. A quick call to the Baptist state convention offices will provide all the information needed. If the project does carry convention relationship or approval, you have nothing to fear. If not, you will do well to let it alone.

Work With Negro Baptists

The Mississippi Baptist Convention has one of the finest programs of work with National (Negro) Baptists, of any state in the entire Southern Baptist Con-

vention, and, for that matter, of any other Baptist group anywhere. For more than twenty-five years, through the Mississippi Seminary, the Sophia Sutton Assembly, and in many other ways the Mississippi Baptist Convention has cooperated with and aided the work of Negro Baptists of the state. Thousands of Negro pastors and leaders have been trained in the Seminary, and tens of thousands of others have been ministered to through the assembly, the student program, and in other ways. For the past several years this work has been under the able direction of Dr. William P. Davis, who serves as secretary of the Department of Work with National Baptists, and as president of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary.

The great value of this work and what it has accomplished, in helping strengthen the Negro Baptist churches of the state, was pointed up last week when Dr. Davis and seven Negro pastors from Mississippi, left for a months evangelistic crusade in South America. This was arranged at the request of Brazilian leaders of the Crusade for the Americas, who desired that a group of these men come to hold revivals and preach in some of the churches down there. Dr. Davis enlisted the men, and their churches raised the money for their expenses, and they flew to Brazil last Saturday. They will remain in the country until early October, and will preach in a number of cities.

Many white Mississippi Baptist pastors have preached in Brazil and other South American countries. This is, to our knowledge, the first time that Negro pastors, as a group, have been invited to preach there. We are happy to know that Mississippi had the Negro leadership ready to answer this call, and we also are glad that the Mississippi Baptist Convention, through its department of work with the Negro churches, had a part in preparing those men for this opportunity.

**"A Lighthouse In Full Operation"**

By Dr. Richard Brannon

We recently visited one of the lighthouses in Hawaii. It's located on a high cliff overlooking the vast waters of the Pacific. For years it has stood there sending out beams across the sea to warn any ship which might be lost on a dark or stormy night.

You know, I understand that many lighthouses are no longer in use—except as tourist attractions. It seems that modern systems of navigation, radar, and limited use of certain shipping lanes have resulted in various lighthouses being discontinued. It's kind of a sad sight to see them standing in stately silence reminding us of bygone days when seamen needed guidance through dangerous channels.

Well, perhaps a lighthouse may become obsolete where shipping is concerned, but the world certainly hasn't gone beyond its need for light to direct us through dangerous seas.

Things look mighty dark in today's world. Ominous storm clouds are building up everywhere. Nations are guided by international policies based on suspicion, intrigue and threats. Many countries stand eye to eye with clinched fists. They have fire-crackers of monstrous size available for use should World War III break out.

Some things look dark in our own land. Crime is an escalator going in only one direction—up. Moral confusion has set many young people adrift in stormy waters. Racial hatred runs wild in city streets. The pursuit of pleasure has left many heads throbbing, stomachs pulled up in knots and an emptiness inside as pitiful as a vacant house.

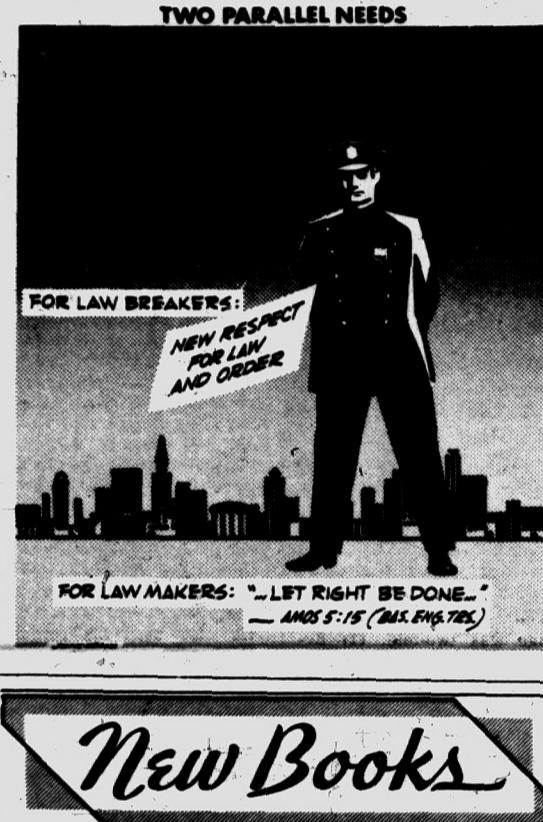
Light is desperately needed today. It needs to be followed. But most important, light is available. Political and military people have given us some light by warning us that ultimately you can't build a good world with political debates and military action. Educators give us some light by reminding us that lofty thoughts alone haven't made the world a lofty place in which to live. Something more is needed.

Our most dependable light comes from Scriptures where we are introduced to the Christ who came as the "true Light, which lighteth every man that comes into the world," (John 1:9).

Here's a lighthouse in full operation. All who follow Him will find safe harbor.

Philosophy is what you think about life. Religion is what you do about it.

Few women and fewer men have enough character to be idle.

**New Books**

A DRINK AT JOEL'S PLACE by Jess Moody (Word, 125 pp., \$3.50)

Another of the inimitable books of sermons from the facile pen of Jess Moody. Dr. Moody chooses unique subjects and deals with them in an unusual manner. In this book he tells the church that it ought to be what God wants it to be in the modern world. The title is taken from the first message, but if you want to know about others, how about "How To Unscramble An Egg", "How To Have A Happy Hurricane", or "How To Kill A Denomination Without Really Trying".

These are just a few of the twelve challenging messages in this book. Preachers, and laymen alike, need to read these words. They may upset or even create a bit of anger, but they will challenge and bless.

TO LIVE IN LOVE by Eileen Guder (Zondervan, 192 pp., \$3.95)

This talented Christian woman presents a penetrating practical study of the great love chapter, I Cor. 13. These messages take up various statements in the chapter, interpret their meaning for modern people, and apply them to modern living. The book is well written and rich in its helpfulness in understanding the great truth that Christians must live in love.

HIGHLIGHTS OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONS by Harold R. Cook (Moody, 256 pp., \$4.95)

The subtitle reads "A History and Survey" and that describes just what the book is. Part one presents an outline of missionary history, beginning with the book of Acts and continuing right into the modern ecumenical movement. Part two is a survey of home missions in America, while part three makes a

similar survey of foreign missions as it is being done today. The author who has served two terms as a foreign missionary, and is now chairman of the department of missions at Moody Bible Institute, reveals a thorough understanding of what the various denominations are doing in missions; both in America and around the world.

CHRISTIAN REFLECTIONS by C. S. Lewis (Eerdmans, 176 pp., \$3.95)

Essays on various subjects chosen from the prolific writings of Dr. C. S. Lewis, one of the most brilliant scholars and thinkers among British Christian leaders of this century. These unpublished papers were chosen by a friend and fellow worker after Dr. Lewis' death, and like all of the author's writings are found to be penetrating, and enlightening.

MANAGING YOUR TIME by Ted W. Engstrom and Alec Mackenzie (Zondervan, 242 pp., \$4.95)

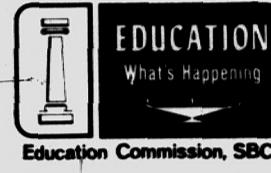
Subtitle says "Practical Guidelines on the Effective Use of Time" and this book is just that. In its chapters the authors discuss work, time, and leisure, and then deal with the problems of managing yourself and managing others. This is a practical handbook, rich in illustration, and pointed in application. The authors show that in order to manage time you must plan a course, organize for action, and exercise discipline. In dealing with the matter of leadership, they discuss its meaning and how to effectively lead. There is a chapter on time robbers, and another on problems. This book will be helpful, both to pastors and laymen, in making the most of the valuable time God has given them.

SKETCHES OF REVIVAL SERMONS by J. C. Hornsby (Baker, 68 pp., paperback, \$1)

Brief outlines of sermons preached at revivals.

Current Issues In Baptist Life

By Wayne E. Ward

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What's Happening

Education Commission, SBC

"Is it true you can't teach in a Baptist college or university without a Master of Arts degree?"

"Yes."

"I have a seminary degree which took longer to earn than the M.A. Won't that do?"

"No."

A Master of Arts degree in the subject area being taught is the minimum requirement for instruction in Baptist colleges and universities. The B.D., Th.M., and Th.D. degrees limit a teacher to the field of Bible or religion.

The M.R.E. and D.R.E. degrees limit the teacher to religious education. There are very few openings over the years in either of these fields in Baptist schools.

This has been the toughest, most competitive college recruiting year (1966-67) in history, says the college placement council regarding the search for instructional faculty members.

The volume of offers to doctoral candidates, from schools, business, and government is almost double that of a year ago. The volume is up 16 percent for M.A. candidates.

"Paying for a College Education," a new pamphlet, tells families and students about the realities of college costs and how to find the money for higher education. The pamphlet is available for 25 cents from: The Public Affairs Committee, 381 Park Avenue, South, New York, New York 10016.

Spanish Baptist Camp Reports

Busy Season at Camp: The Spanish Baptist camp at Denia, on the Mediterranean coast in southeastern Spain, has had a busy summer.

Southern Baptist missionaries in Spain held their annual meeting there in early July; the national Baptist young people's union sponsored two weeks of conferences, and the Woman's Missionary Union sponsored three weeks of camps for its youth organizations for boys, girls, and young women.

September 21 — Bradley Pope, Baptist student director, Mississippi College; Charles Lott, Baptist student director, Mississippi Delta Junior College.

September 22 — Gordon Sansing, Baptist Building; Mrs. Jane Greer, Baptist Building.

September 23 — Mrs. Edwin McNeely, faculty, Clarke College; Perry Malone, staff, Blue Mountain College.

September 24 — B. Frank Smith, faculty, Carey College; J. B. Parker, chaplain, Baptist Hospital.

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ON THE MORAL SCENE

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION, SBC

The following disturbing

facts comes from Uniform

Crime Reports for 1966 which

was released August 10, 1967.

This information makes up

the summary of the Report

published by the Federal Bu-

reau of Investigation and ap-

pears on page one.

Almost 3 1/4 million se-

rious crimes reported during

1966; an 11 percent rise over

1965.

Risk of becoming a

victim of serious crime in-

creased 10 percent in 1966

with almost 2 victims per

each 100 inhabitants.

Firearms used to commit

more than 6,500 murders, and

43,500 aggravated assaults in

1966.

Daytime burglaries of

residences rose 140 percent in

1966 over 1965.

Property worth more

than \$1.2 billion lost as a re-

sult of 153,400 robberies,

1,370,000 burglaries, 2,780,000

larcenies, and 557,000 auto

thefts. Police recoveries, how-

ever, reduced this loss by 55

percent.

Arrests of juveniles for

serious crimes increased 54

percent in 1966 over 1965,

while number of persons in

the young age group, 10-17, in-

creased 19 percent.</div



The Sunday School Lesson

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON—

Faith In God's Providence

By Clifton J. Allen
Acts 27:1 to 28:16

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The Lesson Explained

Selection Without Hope

The first thirteen verses of chapter 27 tell of the beginning of the voyage to Rome. Paul, with other prisoners of altogether different character, was in the charge of a centurion named Julius. Paul was accompanied by Aristarchus and Luke. Almost from the start, winds were strong and sailing was both difficult and dangerous. Paul warned those in charge of the ship of the danger not only to the cargo but also to the persons on board. But the centurion gave more attention to the owner of the ship than to the words of Paul, being anxious to get as far as Phoenix, a more commodious place to spend the winter. Soon the ship was caught in a terrific storm. In spite of the efforts of the sailors, the ship was at the mercy of the storm for many days. There was no sight of sun or stars for many days. Prospect of survival seemed hopeless.

Confidence In The Lord
Verses 21-26

In this seemingly hopeless situation, Paul stood up and declared to those on board his assurance of God's protecting care. He rebuked the ones in charge for not having listened to his advice about leaving Crete. Even so, he exhorted them to take courage. The basis for his assurance was that an angel of God had stood by him in the night and declared the fulfilment of God's purpose. The message by the angel was: "Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar; and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee." Paul further declared his certainty of his faith, "I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me."

Assurance And Thanksgiving
Verses 33-38

Paul had spoken his words of confidence in God, not after the storm, but during the storm. In fact, the storm raged on until, finally, fourteen days had passed. (Note verses 27-32.) The sailors dis-

covered that the ship was approaching land. Again, Paul took charge. First, he warned the centurion not to allow the sailors to escape with the little boat. Next, he reminded all the persons on board — two hundred seventy-six persons in all — to eat food to revive their strength after days of continued fasting. In the presence of all the crew and prisoners and passengers, Paul offered thanks to God and then began to eat. His courage and assurance created confidence and good cheer, so that all began to eat.

It is in order to consider the remaining verses of the Bible lesson. When the long night was past and the ship stuck on a sandbar and was being broken to pieces by the waves, the order was given for all who could to swim ashore. Others on boards and parts of the ship escaped safely to land. After the winter passed, a ship of Alexandria was taken to complete their voyage. Stops were made at Syracuse, Rhegium, and Puteoli. Finally, the city of Rome was reached. Paul the apostle was still a prisoner. But he was much more — an ambassador of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Truths to Live By
God's providence expresses his purpose. — We are never to think of God's providence as arbitrary or impersonal. His providence is his overwhelming sovereignty bringing to pass his purpose of mercy and redemption. God controls the universe and everything in it. Things, therefore, do not just happen. Wars, calamities, tragedies, and mighty deliverances are not meaningless and ruthless inevitabilities of chance or favoritism. They are within the scope of God's benevolent purpose for mankind. God's providential care is for the purpose of giving persons new opportunities for service, further time for repentance, or new opportunities to make good in their stewardship.

Courage Is Born of Intelligent Trust. — Repeated experiences of the apostle Paul illustrate and emphasize this truth. He confronted danger again and again. He was well aware of virtually living under the sentence of death because of his adversaries and the enemies of the gospel. This taught him not to trust himself "but in God which raiseth the dead."

"I believe God" is a creed for life. — In a very real sense, life has to be lived in the midst of storm. The entire world scene, to a large degree, is one of chaos and crisis. There is no place to hide, physically, from the dangers and threats of technology, racism, war, or man's potential for self-destruction. The Christian does not have to face life with futility or fatalism. He can say, "I believe God" — that is, he can if he knows enough about God, if he knows what God has done in Christ for the redemption of the world, if he knows the reality of communion with the Spirit of God, and if he is willing to live by the principle of the cross of Christ.

LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM—

Two Churches Contrasted

By Bill Duncan
Revelation 2:1-7; 3:1-6

The church is always being tested. The organization and program of any church must face the acid test of effectiveness. No one can really say the worth of any church until time has been able to test its foundation. However, the church of today's world is undergoing a test like never before in history. The usefulness of the church will never be more easily discern than when it comes in contact with the needs of today's world. The test is proving that many of the problems of today's church are internal sins.

The study of the seven churches of Revelation always creates interest. The book of Revelation is written to give assurance that God will finally reign victoriously in the earth, but before He does reign certain things are given that will come to pass. The seven churches are first of all seven local churches that received a message to be used as a measuring rod by which each church could know its individual standing before Christ—the judge. Also, each letter has a personal application in that the message applies to every individual Christian in all generations.

However, Christ had something against them. They had a tumor that only the Lord or one close to him could discern. They had left their first love. "First love" is honeymoon love. Many say they could not be changed with no love just that they had left their first love. Their service is mechanical and relationship routine. Criswell says, "They're out - for - God - at - any - cost - and - at - any price" was gone.

The prescription of the judge was two-fold. (1) Remember, memory is a precious gift. "It may wound our pride to compare a victorious and joyous past with a sad and failing present, but there is no way back." This will help acknowledge our need. (2) Repent, nothing less than genuine repentance and return to first love will help. When we do not love the Lord, our church will turn to uselessness.

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During his college years, Mr. Spencer was a member of the Deitaires Quartet, and he served as president and Tenor Section Leader of the Delta Singers Tour Choir. Bill Spencer came to Magnolia from the Goodyear Church of Picayune where he served in a similar capacity on that staff. Under his leadership the church there developed its first full-time music and youth program.

Mr. Spencer entered the Music Ministry at the age of sixteen, and since that time he has not only served on the staff of churches but he has also been widely used in revival efforts throughout Mississippi.

Mrs. Spencer is a graduate of Delta State College, and from this institution she earned a Bachelor of Music Education degree in Piano. She is the former Miss Cecile Reeves of Bogalusa, Ga.

Rev. James B. Riley is pastor of the church.

es the judge (Christ) is described differently. Here he is shown to be one who walks among the church and takes a watchful interest in the members. The angels or messengers are held in His right hand, the place of power and authority, and the only place where His servants can be sustained and strengthened.

He approves of them for many things. (1) He commends them for their sacrificial service. Their service had been hard and with real diligent toil. (2) He commends their steadfastness. Twice the word "patience" or "longsuffering" is used. The church had not been fickle. At Ephesus there was fierce opposition but the church had stood firm. (3) The church had suppressed evil. The church had seen the moral corruption around them and refused to allow it within the church. They were intolerant of sin. (4) The church had spiritual discernment. The church was grounded in the Gospel and the church tested every traveling preacher that came their way so that false apostle would be put down. (5) He commands them from their stand against the deeds of the Nicolaitanes. The term "Nicolaitanes" was applied to those who set up a system which divided the church into clergy and the laity with the intent that the clergy would rule over the laity. Christ hated the hierarchical system and commanded the Ephesians for hating them.

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The Lesson Explained

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The first thirteen verses of chapter 27 tell of the beginning of the voyage to Rome. Paul, with other prisoners of altogether different character, was in the charge of a centurion named Julius. Paul was accompanied by Aristarchus and Luke. Almost from the start, winds were strong and sailing was both difficult and dangerous. Paul warned those in charge of the ship of the danger not only to the cargo but also to the persons on board. But the centurion gave more attention to the owner of the ship than to the words of Paul, being anxious to get as far as Phoenix, a more commodious place to spend the winter. Soon the ship was caught in a terrific storm. In spite of the efforts of the sailors, the ship was at the mercy of the storm for many days. There was no sight of sun or stars for many days. Prospect of survival seemed hopeless.

Confidence In The Lord
Verses 21-26

In this seemingly hopeless situation, Paul stood up and declared to those on board his assurance of God's protecting care. He rebuked the ones in charge for not having listened to his advice about leaving Crete. Even so, he exhorted them to take courage. The basis for his assurance was that an angel of God had stood by him in the night and declared the fulfilment of God's purpose. The message by the angel was: "Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar; and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee." Paul further declared his certainty of his faith, "I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me."

Assurance And Thanksgiving
Verses 33-38

Paul had spoken his words of confidence in God, not after the storm, but during the storm. In fact, the storm raged on until, finally, fourteen days had passed. (Note verses 27-32.) The sailors dis-

covered that the ship was approaching land. Again, Paul took charge. First, he warned the centurion not to allow the sailors to escape with the little boat. Next, he reminded all the persons on board — two hundred seventy-six persons in all — to eat food to revive their strength after days of continued fasting. In the presence of all the crew and prisoners and passengers, Paul offered thanks to God and then began to eat. His courage and assurance created confidence and good cheer, so that all began to eat.

It is in order to consider the remaining verses of the Bible lesson. When the long night was past and the ship stuck on a sandbar and was being broken to pieces by the waves, the order was given for all who could to swim ashore. Others on boards and parts of the ship escaped safely to land. After the winter passed, a ship of Alexandria was taken to complete their voyage. Stops were made at Syracuse, Rhegium, and Puteoli. Finally, the city of Rome was reached. Paul the apostle was still a prisoner. But he was much more — an ambassador of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Truths to Live By
God's providence expresses his purpose. — We are never to think of God's providence as arbitrary or impersonal. His providence is his overwhelming sovereignty bringing to pass his purpose of mercy and redemption. God controls the universe and everything in it. Things, therefore, do not just happen. Wars, calamities, tragedies, and mighty deliverances are not meaningless and ruthless inevitabilities of chance or favoritism. They are within the scope of God's benevolent purpose for mankind. God's providential care is for the purpose of giving persons new opportunities for service, further time for repentance, or new opportunities to make good in their stewardship.

Courage Is Born of Intelligent Trust. — Repeated experiences of the apostle Paul illustrate and emphasize this truth. He confronted danger again and again. He was well aware of virtually living under the sentence of death because of his adversaries and the enemies of the gospel. This taught him not to trust himself "but in God which raiseth the dead."

"I believe God" is a creed for life. — In a very real sense, life has to be lived in the midst of storm. The entire world scene, to a large degree, is one of chaos and crisis. There is no place to hide, physically, from the dangers and threats of technology, racism, war, or man's potential for self-destruction. The Christian does not have to face life with futility or fatalism. He can say, "I believe God" — that is, he can if he knows enough about God, if he knows what God has done in Christ for the redemption of the world, if he knows the reality of communion with the Spirit of God, and if he is willing to live by the principle of the cross of Christ.

Mission Gifts Of Mississippi Baptist Churches Thru Convention Board

Nov. 3, '66 thru Aug. 2, '67

	Co-op	Assoc. Missions designated & all other includes WMU	Total		Co-op	Assoc. Missions designated & all other includes WMU	Total		Co-op	Assoc. Missions designated & all other includes WMU	Total		Co-op	Assoc. Missions designated & all other includes WMU	Total				
Adams Association	Adams Assn	1.00	1.00	Van Vleet	403.67	37.00	530.67	Holcomb	90.00	202.67	292.67	Bassfield	842.98	1007.00	1850.70	Standing Pine	270.42	265.22	535.67
Bethel	Bethel	86.00	86.00	Woodland	60.21	6.00	66.21	Leflore	10.00	10.00	20.00	Bethany	1136.69	589.85	1728.54	Sunrise	227.00	211.00	438.00
Calvary	Calvary	679.33	479.37	1158.40	Pleasant Grove	67.50	196.60	264.10	Carson	383.00	206.96	589.96	Thomastown	443.22	418.29	861.51			
Cloverdale	Cloverdale	676.63	513.52	1190.15	Providence	173.27	206.12	379.39	Crossroads				Trinity	951.38		1270.19			
Cranfield	Cranfield	196.08	179.33	375.41	Gulf Coast Assn	33139.61	11506.50	44648.11	Dublin	577.02	322.82	899.84	Tuscola	400.00	99.00	1193.00			
Fellowship	Fellowship	894.43	319.95	1216.38	Gulf Coast Assn	5.00	5.00	10.00	Bassfield	842.98	1007.00	1850.70	Standing Pine	270.42	265.22	535.67			
Friendship	Friendship	167.00	162.00	328.00	Bay Vista Chapel	1998.15	962.03	2960.18	Bethany	1136.69	589.85	1728.54	Sunrise	227.00	211.00	438.00			
Immanuel	Immanuel	4163.97	3006.73	7170.70	Bay View	30.00	40.81	70.81	Bethany	1136.69	589.85	1728.54	Thomastown	443.22	418.29	861.51			
Morganstown	Morganstown	537.98	272.58	7752.36	Bayview New	1107.33	801.54	1909.27	Bethany	1136.69	589.85	1728.54	Trinity	951.38		1270.19			
Riverside	Riverside	558.49	221.00	779.49	Bluff Spring	774.40	196.60	961.00	Bethany	1136.69	589.85	1728.54	Tuscola	400.00	99.00	1193.00			
Springfield	Springfield	580.91	49.00	649.90	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Bethany	1136.69	589.85	1728.54	Standing Pine	270.42	265.22	535.67			
Washington	Washington	2517.03	1146.22	3663.25	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Bethany	1136.69	589.85	1728.54	Sunrise	227.00	211.00	438.00			
Westside	Westside	Total	43070.32	17202.66	60272.96	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Bethany	1136.69	589.85	1728.54	Thomastown	443.22	418.29	861.51		
Alcorn Association	Alcorn Assn	16.00	16.00	32.00	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Bethany	1136.69	589.85	1728.54	Trinity	951.38		1270.19			
Anderson No. 2	Anderson No. 2	324.57	183.00	507.57	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Bethany	1136.69	589.85	1728.54	Tuscola	400.00	99.00	1193.00			
Brush Creek	Brush Creek	Calvary	450.82	266.72	717.54	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Bethany	1136.69	589.85	1728.54	Standing Pine	270.42	265.22	535.67		
Corinth East	Corinth East	1552.48	684.68	2237.16	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Sunrise	227.00	211.00	438.00			
Corinth North	Corinth North	339.53	160.00	608.14	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Thomastown	443.22	418.29	861.51			
Corinth South	Corinth South	186.00	147.00	343.00	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Trinity	951.38		1270.19			
Corinth West	Corinth West	2766.21	1903.99	4703.90	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Tuscola	400.00	99.00	1193.00			
Kemps Chapel	Kemps Chapel	1522.65	1636.66	3186.31	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Standing Pine	270.42	265.22	535.67			
Kossuth	Kossuth	150.00	150.00	300.00	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Sunrise	227.00	211.00	438.00			
Lee Hill	Lee Hill	60.00	60.00	120.00	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Thomastown	443.22	418.29	861.51			
Lovejoy	Lovejoy	47.03	47.03	94.06	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Trinity	951.38		1270.19			
New Prospect	New Prospect	Total	2050.00	17204.00	19250.00	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Tuscola	400.00	99.00	1193.00		
Oakland	Oakland	283.08	400.05	683.13	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Standing Pine	270.42	265.22	535.67			
Shiloh	Shiloh	156.56	289.00	445.56	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Sunrise	227.00	211.00	438.00			
Shishimino Chape	Shishimino Chape	271.73	245.25	519.98	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Thomastown	443.22	418.29	861.51			
Tuscumbia	Tuscumbia	132.91	53.65	186.56	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Trinity	951.38		1270.19			
Wheeler Grove	Wheeler Grove	630.00	313.18	943.18	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Tuscola	400.00	99.00	1193.00			
Total	Total	21620.40	12520.06	34123.26	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Standing Pine	270.42	265.22	535.67			
Attala Association	Attala Assn	15.00	15.00	30.00	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Sunrise	227.00	211.00	438.00			
Attala Assn	Attala Assn	15.00	15.00	30.00	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Thomastown	443.22	418.29	861.51			
Baptist	Baptist	324.57	183.00	507.57	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Trinity	951.38		1270.19			
Calvary	Calvary	71.00	60.00	131.00	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Tuscola	400.00	99.00	1193.00			
First Corinth	First Corinth	9920.27	4333.63	14273.92	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Standing Pine	270.42	265.22	535.67			
Genesee	Genesee	73.76	14.61	88.37	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Sunrise	227.00	211.00	438.00			
Hinkle	Hinkle	100.00	100.00	200.00	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Thomastown	443.22	418.29	861.51			
Holly	Holly	753.60	277.83	1030.43	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Trinity	951.38		1270.19			
Jacinto	Jacinto	Total	2050.00	17204.00	19250.00	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Tuscola	400.00	99.00	1193.00		
Kemps Chapel	Kemps Chapel	570.82	756.57	1327.39	Chester	119.50	150.48	269.98	Chester	119.50	150.48	26							

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Temperance Hill	121.68	121.68	Double Springs	417.38	417.38	Quillman Association	277.30	224.00	Lorena	175.00	175.00	Temple	387.00	409.21
Mississippi Association	10961.69	7940.29	Emmanuel	400.00	370.07	Belton	178.46	79.86	Mt. Carmel	40.00	40.00	Wallerlerville	862.18	1053.43
Miss. Assn.	2.00	2.00	1st Maben	3642.57	1101.15	Bell Lake	178.46	79.86	Mt. Pleasant	32.17	49.50	Zion Hill	453.00	130.38
Am. River			Friendship	3010.71	12405.30	Crowder	147.05	288.84	Mt. Zion	122.85	122.85	Total	31130.71	20603.93
Berwick	451.00	710.00	1161.00	1161.00	Darling	439.58	432.02	New Home	90.00	90.00	Walhall Association	60.00	60.00	
Bethel	504.26	208.05	Friendship	10.03	10.03	Fairhaven	171.55	66.31	New Sardis	100.00	100.00	Calvary	145.35	115.00
Calvary	344.33	479.00	Morgan Chapel	1578.94	970.79	Hollywood	182.17	125.01	Pleasant Hill	55.16	55.16	Centerville	145.35	261.35
Centerville	322.20	822.33	New Hope	320.00	300.00	Landmark	125.50	63.00	Sardis	117.45	95.77	Crystal Springs	1078.54	1743.57
Credit	120.00	150.00	Pleasant Ridge	45.00	33.76	Sledge	750.31	82.15	Shady Grove	80.45	36.00	Dinan	360.00	190.45
East Fork	434.03	95.00	Porter	1241.30	1241.30	Walnut	335.12	545.59	Sharon	905.10	537.57	Knox	551.43	560.45
Ebenezer	595.35	311.25	Preston	1407.95	345.50	West Marks	880.00	870.77	Shiloh	117.50	117.50	Lexie	866.04	1138.68
Enterprise	278.87	124.75	Wall Forrest	357.36	160.00	West Marks	880.00	870.77	Wilkinson Men	439.77	439.77	Mages Creek	439.77	446.66
Galilee	2653.00	1849.96	Total	39471.45	16801.27	West Total	8988.53	9946.16	Zion	30.16	30.16	Mesa	895.32	676.35
Gillisburg	2054.89	1043.86	Panela Association	56162.75	56162.75	Ram's Association	2700.00	3597.18	White Oak	100.00	100.00	Nev. Zion	102.00	1370.48
Gilbert	45.00	22.00	Panola Assn	67.00	67.00	1st Marks	625.84	1252.01	Wilkinson Men	320.26	315.31	Salem	100.02	126.40
Hebron	110.00	200.00	Parke	310.00	310.00	Landmark	125.50	63.00	Wilkinson Men	635.57	635.57	Tylerwood	2053.76	4836.00
Hux			Parke	60.19	44.73	Clear Branch	270.00	211.25	Zion	30.16	30.16	Union	1538.05	608.62
Liberty	6475.26	4301.72	Parke	325.00	248.00	Parke	100.00	100.00	Zion	1045.28	1045.28	Total	10452.58	19841.03
Mars Hill	2463.60	1507.47	Parke	225.77	5728.41	Parke	400.00	470.00	Zion	10452.58	10452.58	Warren Association	9.13	9.13
Mt. Vernon	611.26	433.70	Parke	1044.96	1044.96	Parke	321.01	304.72	Zion	10452.58	10452.58	Warren Assn	1.00	1.00
Mt. Pleasant	130.63	208.05	Parke	1053.40	1053.40	Parke	321.01	304.72	Zion	10452.58	10452.58	Warren Assn	1.00	1.00
New Zion	5.41	51.85	Parke	1044.96	1044.96	Parke	321.01	304.72	Zion	10452.58	10452.58	Warren Assn	1.00	1.00
Oak Grove	136.53	233.97	Parke	1044.96	1044.96	Parke	321.01	304.72	Zion	10452.58	10452.58	Warren Assn	1.00	1.00
Pioneer	223.00	356.60	Parke	1044.96	1044.96	Parke	321.01	304.72	Zion	10452.58	10452.58	Warren Assn	1.00	1.00
Robinson	223.00	103.00	Parke	1044.96	1044.96	Parke	321.01	304.72	Zion	10452.58	10452.58	Warren Assn	1.00	1.00
Thompson	983.11	700.00	Parke	1044.96	1044.96	Parke	321.01	304.72	Zion	10452.58	10452.58	Warren Assn	1.00	1.00
Union	2.00	12.11	Parke	1044.96	1044.96	Parke	321.01	304.72	Zion	10452.58	10452.58	Warren Assn	1.00	1.00
Woodville	3062.56	2137.03	Parke	523.01	Parke	Parke	321.01	304.72	Zion	10452.58	10452.58	Warren Assn	1.00	1.00
Zion Hill	320.00	750.40	Parke	1079.00	1079.00	Parke	321.01	304.72	Zion	10452.58	10452.58	Warren Assn	1.00	1.00
Total	27432.61	19158.00	Parke	46591.70	46591.70	Parke	321.01	304.72	Zion	10452.58	10452.58	Warren Assn	1.00	1.00
Monte Association			Parke	28.75	28.75	Parke	321.01	304.72	Zion	10452.58	10452.58	Warren Assn	1.00	1.00
Antioch			Parke	144.89	141.95	Parke	321.01	304.72	Zion	10452.58	10452.58	Warren Assn	1.00	1.00
Athens			Parke	16.80	26.40	Parke	321.01	304.72	Zion	10452.58	10452.58	Warren Assn	1.00	1.00
Barthabatice			Parke	57.12	31.40	Parke	321.01	304.72	Zion	10452.58	10452.58	Warren Assn	1.00	1.00
Holiday			Parke	57.12	31.40	Parke	321.01	304.72	Zion	10452.58	10452.58	Warren Assn	1.00	1.00
Friendship			Parke	463.21	465.81	Parke	321.01	304.72	Zion	10452.58	10452.58	Warren Assn	1.00	1.00
Amorite			Parke	97.01	100.00	Parke	321.01	304.72	Zion	10452.58	10452.58	Warren Assn	1.00	1.00
Gatman			Parke	56.00	150.75	Parke	321.01	304.72	Zion	10452.58	10452.58	Warren Assn	1.00	1.00
Grace Chapel			Parke	42.22	40.00	Parke	321.01	304.72	Zion	10452.58	10452.58	Warren Assn	1.00	1.00
Greenwood Spgs	244.03	207.32	Parke	551.35	Parke	Parke	321.01	304.72	Zion	10452.58	10452.58	Warren Assn	1.00	1.00
Meadowood	315.00	57.10	Parke	135.00	Parke	Parke	321.01	304.72	Zion	10452.58	10452.58	Warren Assn	1.00	1.00
Gregory Chapel	715.46	503.23	Parke	135.00	Parke	Parke	321.01	304.72	Zion	10452.58	10452.58	Warren Assn	1.00	1.00
Center Hill	564.03	243.30	Parke	135.00	Parke	Parke	321.01	304.72	Zion	10452.58	10452.58	Warren Assn	1.00	1.00
Central Grove	40.00	163.21	Parke	135.00	Parke	Parke	321.01	304.72	Zion	10452.58	10452.58	Warren Assn	1.00	1.00
1st Abrahim	99.65	85.00	Parke	135.00	Parke	Parke	321.01	304.72	Zion	10452.58	10452.58	Warren Assn	1.00	1.00
Amorite	97.01	100.00	Parke	135.00	Parke	Parke	321.01	304.72	Zion	10452.58	10452.58	Warren Assn	1.00	1.00
Friendship	463.21	465.81	Parke	135.00	Parke	Parke	321.01	304.72	Zion	10452.58	10452.58	Warren Assn	1.00	1.00
Gatman	56.00	150.75	Parke	135.00	Parke	Parke	321.01	304.72	Zion	10452.58	10452.58	Warren Assn	1.00	1.00
Grace Chapel	42.22	40.00	Parke	135.00	Parke	Parke	321.01	304.72	Zion	10452.58	10452.58	Warren Assn	1.00	1.00
Greenwood Spgs	244.03	207.32	Parke	5										



Rev. Arthur Merillat

Riverside Church Calls Pastor

Riverside Church, Gulf Coast Association, has called Rev. Arthur Merillat, their assistant pastor, as full-time pastor. The church ordained Mr. Merillat to the gospel ministry on July 30, 1967.

Mr. Merillat was graduated from the Allied Institute of Technology, Chicago, Illinois, with a Bachelor's degree in Engineering. He was the first state secretary of Brotherhood in Indiana, for 15 years, and was associational and district leader for Royal Ambassadors in Illinois and Indiana, and presently in Gulf Coast Association.

He was serving as a deacon at Gulf Gardens Church in Gulfport before going to Riverside.

He is married to the former Tannis Givens of Handsboro. They are the parents of seven children.

Hospital Head Is Selected

BATON ROUGE, La., (BP) — Claude Kirkpatrick, businessman and industrial consultant here, has been named administrator of Baton Rouge General Hospital, an institution of the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

A Baptist deacon, Kirkpatrick is a former member of the House of Representatives and former director of the State Department of Public Works.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Mt. Pleasant, West (Holmes): July 2-7; Rev. Leroy Tubbs, pastor Melrose Church, Bentonia, evangelist; Benny Joel McBride, music director, Kay Martin, pianist; 6 rededications, 1 surrendered to preach, 1 committed to be a Christian nurse, 1 conversion. Rev. J. D. Johnson, pastor.

Bethel Church (Perry): August 14-20; Rev. Burl Patterson, Beaumont, evangelist; Mr. and Mrs. George Maddox, Calvary, Hattiesburg, singer and pianist; 13 professions of faith; 2 by letter; 36 rededications, including several to special service. Rev. W. M. Smith is pastor.

Bethel Church (Monroe): July 10-15; Rev. Truman Carter of Amory, evangelist; the pastor, Rev. James Garner, lead the music; 7 professions of faith, 5 by letter, 7 rededications. The church has been blessed as results of the services and we are thankful.

Bellehaven Church, Ocean Springs: August 20-27; Rev. Henry Roe, North Shore Church, Houston, Texas, evangelist; Howard (Pop) Stone, singer; 7 professions of faith, 4 by letter, and numerous rededications. Rev. W. G. Cummings is pastor.

Missionaries Visit Lepers

Southern Baptist missionaries in Trinidad have started making monthly visits to a government leper colony. Five missionaries and four student summer workers made the initial trip July 17, rising at 4:30 a.m. in order to catch a boat at 6:00 for the two-hour ride to the island where the colony is located.

They visited patients in wards, sang, and gave a devotion over the public-address system. When they invited patients to request songs a woman with only half a face asked for "Count Your Blessings."

It doesn't matter who is second, so long as Jesus Christ is first.

Converts Walk Slippery Aisle

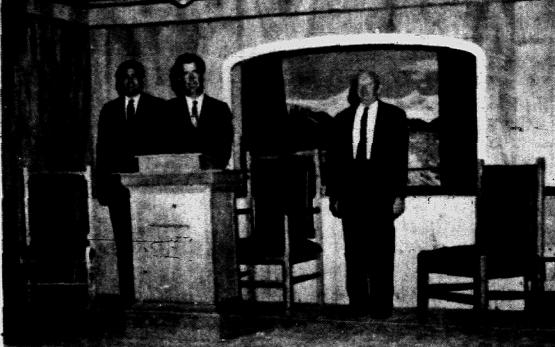
An average of 119 persons nightly attended a week-long revival held recently at the Harmony Hall Mission of the Baptist church in San Fernando, Trinidad. Fifteen persons professed faith in Christ, and 10 rededicated their lives.

The meetings were held in the open space under the house of a Baptist layman and the cow - dung - and mud floor was slippery due to heavy rains. "We are certain that anyone who came forward professing faith was really serious, else he would not have attempted that treacherous 'walk,'" says Southern Baptist Missionary Reginald A. Hill.

Randy Lee, a student from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, was a revival preacher, and Joe Coombes, from Wayland, Baptist College, Plainview, Tex., was song leader. Randy and Joe have spent the summer in Trinidad as representatives of their state Baptist Student Unions.



JIMMY WHITTAKER has been licensed to the ministry by Union Chapel Church, Chickasaw County, Rev. Wm. D. Dawkins, pastor. He surrendered May 14 of this year and was licensed on May 28. He is married to the former Flora Mae McMasters; they have two daughters, Sharon, 7, and Lora, 3. Mr. Whittaker is now available for supply work or as a full-time pastor. He lives at Route 1, Shannon.



NEW PULPIT furniture was hand-made for the Hamilton Street Mission in Brookhaven by Perlie Young, (right) Sunday School superintendent. A pulpit and three platform chairs were constructed by Mr. Young for a surprise gift to the congregation presented on the closing Sunday of the week-end revival July 30. Rev. Talmadge Smith, (center) is pastor of the mission sponsored by Easthaven Church, whose pastor, Rev. W. Edward Thiele, is shown on left.



THE RAWORTH Church, Morton, has held a ground-breaking service for a new building to be constructed soon. Top photo shows members of church who gathered for the service. Picture at right is that of the pastor, Rev. Billy Canoy and several deacons breaking ground.

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is not a voice in the wilderness, but a life in the world. It is not an idea in the air but feet on the ground, going God's way. It is not an exotic to be kept under glass, but a hardy plant to bear twelve months of fruits in all kinds of weather. Fidelity to duty in its root and branch. Nothing we can say to the Lord, no calling Him by great or dear names, can take the place of the plain doing of His will. We may cry out about the beauty of eating bread with Him in His kingdom, but it is wasted breath and a rootless hope, unless we plow and plant in His kingdom here and now. To remember Him at His table and to forget Him at ours, is to have invested in bad securities. There is no substitute for plain, every-day goodness.

DEVOTIONAL

Dead Men Tell Tales

Luke 16:19-31

By Wilburn Matthews, Pastor, Calvary, Greenwood One of the strangest and oldest signboards of human history was found in 1825 by Henry C. Rawlinson, an English officer on duty. The ancient signboard called the Behistun Inscription, is carved on one of the Zagros Mountains. This high mountain is on the caravan route between Bagdad and Teheran. Below the inscription is a large spring, where every caravan and army which passed from Persia to Babylon drank. The inscription dates back 500 years before Christ. It took four years of heroic endeavor to copy it due to the 350 feet chasm below it. It took another twenty-two years to decipher its language. It was found to be the 'chronicled' advertising of Darius I, the King of Persia.

This discovery ably presents the fact that dead men do tell tales. For the good and bad which men do lives after them. The Behistun discovery unlocked the history of very ancient people. The story of Dives unlocks meaning to us about the future life. Voices from the past tell tales as we listen to them. No man speaks to his generation alone, but to all who come after him. Note several lessons from the story of Dives:

1. THERE IS A PLACE CALLED HELL: The rich man entered this place immediately after saying "goodnight to this world." No one can refute his testimony about hell. He was a witness to hell and its fiery environment. The Word of God has more to say about Hell than of Heaven! People do not believe very much about hell nowadays but I notice they use it a lot in their daily conversations!

2. THAT DEATH IS COMING: The sentence of death hangs over every man. We tremble at what Reginald Heber says, "Death rides on every passing breeze. He lurks in every flower. Each season has its own disease. Its peril every hour!" Dives lived on earth as if he would never die but death found his name and address. An individual wrote the Chamber of Commerce in an Arizona city about the death rate in the state. The secretary replied, "The death rate: one per person."

3. AT DEATH MAN DOESN'T LOSE HIS IDENTITY: In death man doesn't escape the reality of life. Some say, "Well, if there is a hell man won't know anything about it because he loses his identity in death." But does he? Dives was the same man after death and he will always be the same man. You are you forever! He did not lose any of his senses. After death he had memory, life, voice, sight, feeling, taste and hearing.

4. MISSED THE REAL MEANING OF LIFE: He was rich in the world but poor toward God. After death he discovered that riches do not merit the priority of heaven. He missed the opportunity in his physical life of walking with God and using his material possessions to the glory of God.

5. NO SECOND CHANCE AFTER DEATH: He made his choice and he had to live with it. He prayed but to no avail. There was no escape from his destiny because there was a "gulf fixed." There is no exit sign in hell! His prayer petitions to a "saint" for mercy, water and a missionary to tell his brothers about the dreaded place have never been granted!

6. WHY I'M HERE: He went to hell not because of his riches but because he was unprepared toward God. He did not go there on the road of intention, but on the road of procrastination. Tomorrow was his day for preparation but that day for him never came. He, simply, put off until it was eternally too late. Eternity seized him and what a tragedy—it was too late forever!



THIRTY-NINE PERSONS from three Indonesian villages were baptized in this pool one day this summer. The stream which feeds the pool flows from the roots of an ancient banyan tree (right), considered sacred in the primitive religions of Indonesia.

Missionary To Thailand Joining New Orleans Staff

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — Ronald C. Hill, missionary to Thailand since 1952, will be professor of Missions at New Orleans Baptist Seminary for 1967-68 school year.

Hill, under appointment of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, is currently director of Baptist publications and radio-television work in Thailand. Before taking on his present duties, he was chaplain at the Baptist Hospital in Bangkok, general evangelistic worker in Bangkok, Chonburi and Nonthaburi and teacher in the Thailand Baptist Theological Seminary in Bangkok.

'BEST SECOND BASEMAN' TO BE BATTING FOR SUNDAY SCHOOLS

WHEATON, Ill. (EP) — Bobby Richardson, ex-Yankee All-Star baseball player, will be batting for America's Sunday Schools at the National Sunday School Association's 22nd Annual Convention in Minneapolis October 25-28.

The man who has been called baseball's "best second baseman" will speak on Friday night at 7:45 p.m. in the Minneapolis Auditorium to an expected capacity audience of Sunday School workers.

Richardson played 12 years in the major leagues before retiring last year to give time to his family, private business and to an association with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

His lifetime batting average was .266, less than many famous players, but he is most remembered for skill in executing the double play.

Besides Bobby Richardson, seven other well known personalities will speak at the NSSA convention. They include scientist Ulric Jelinek, foreign service official Cleo F. Shook, Bible teacher Dr. Manford Gutzke, and Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship's Director of Evangelism Paul Little.



ON SEPTEMBER 1, Tommy Leach, a native of Union, assumed the duties of director of Baptist Student Work at Northwest Mississippi Junior College, Senatobia. Mr. Leach is a graduate of East Central Junior College, Decatur. He received a BS degree in civil engineering from Mississippi State University in 1961. In June, 1967, he received a Th.M. degree from the New Orleans Baptist Seminary. Mr. Leach was a member of the staff of the Glorieta Baptist Assembly this summer.

Revival Dates

Emmanuel Church, Ocean Springs: Beginning, Sept. 17; Rev. Charles Brock, a native of Alabama and pastor of Grace Memorial, Gulfport, evangelist; Charles "Chuck" Wilson, music director; Mrs. Jayne Spiers, organist; Mrs. Kay Hill, pianist. The theme for the week is "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus". Rev. Beretus West is pastor.

First Church, Grenada: Youth — Sponsored Revival, Sept. 18-24; Rev. Schuyler Batson, Alexandria, La., evangelist; Lewis Bridges, musician; services are Monday through Thursday 7:30 p.m., Saturday evening (only) 8:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday (noon luncheon) 12:15-12:45 p.m. Rev. Bob Leavell is pastor.

Gunnison Church, Gunnison: Sept. 18-22; Dr. J. Harold Smith, of Windsor Park Church, Fort Smith, Ark., evangelist; services 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

First Church, Yazoo City: September 17-24; Mr. Vincent Cervera of Greenville, South Carolina, Evangelist, return engagement; Rev. James F. Yates, choir director; congregational singing will be led by Mr. Cervera; services each day at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday services at regular time. Rev. Yates is pastor.

Eastside Church, Rankin: Sept. 17-22; Dr. Joe Tuton, (partly) pastor, Calvary Church, Jackson, evangelist; James Sills, song leader; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Howard Benton, pastor.

Librarian Named

MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP) — Miss Cary Ann Geron, a former Missionary Journeyman serving as librarian assistant at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Rischlikon, Switzerland, has been named circulation librarian at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Rev. W. N. Johnson, pastor of Friendship Church, Jones County, recently held a revival at Clear Springs Church, Hexie, Ark. where Rev. E. H. Ashburn formerly from Ovett Baptist Church, is pastor.

The meeting was scheduled for one week, but interest was so high that it continued for two. There were 6 professions of faith, 7 baptisms, and 53 rededications. One of those reached was a man in the Marine Corps, home on leave from Viet Nam, who said he was returning to Viet Nam to witness there.

Three New Deacons were recently ordained at Hillcrest Church, Lucedale. They were Dan Malone, Sandy Pitts and Harlan Byrd. The pastor of the church is Rev. John Edwards.

Sidney L. Buckley, a new member of the music faculty at Furman University, Greenville, S. C. received the Doctor of Music degree from the Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, on August 12, 1967. Dr. and Mrs. Buckley and their three children have established residence in Greenville at Route 7, Traynham Blvd. He formerly served the First Church, Gulfport.

Mary Ann Myrick, Southern Baptist missionary journeyman, was scheduled to leave the States on August 24 for Zambia, where she will teach Bible in Lusaka (address: P. O. Box 2600, Lusaka, Zambia). She is a native of Laurel, Miss., and a 1967 graduate of William Carey College, Brownwood, Tex., this year.

Rev. and Mrs. Oren C. Robinson, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria, may now be addressed, Baptist Building, P. M. B. 5113, Ibadan, Nigeria, West Africa.

An Oklahoman, he was born in Okmulgee, and lived in several towns during childhood;

she, the former Martha Boaz,

was born in Murray, Ky., and grew up in Graves County, Kentucky. Prior to their mis-

sionary appointment in 1962

they taught in Mississippi Woman's College (now William Carey College), Hattiesburg, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Cannady have two children: Jennifer, age 9; and Bill, age 8. While in

the Yazoo City Church, she served as a G. A. Counselor,

a Sunday School teacher, and a member of the Sanctuary Choir.

Mr. Cannady's new address is Murray Hill Baptist Church,

1014 Wolfe Street, Jackson-

ville, Florida 32205.